WHEREAS, In spite of very serious complications, disabilities, premature deaths, and profound socioeconomic implications, the problem of diabetes--nature and magnitude--has not received due attention as one of the most important health problem in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Complete cure for diabetes is not yet known. Because of insulin therapy, effective management of infections by antibiotics, and other advances in therapeutic management, the prognosis of diabetic life has been greatly improved during the past fifty years; and,

WHEREAS, Despite these advancements, statistics show that there are hundreds of children and young adults in South Dakota who must inject themselves with insulin every day to live until the next day; and,

WHEREAS, Diabetes continues to be the fifth leading cause of death and the first leading cause of blindness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 11 - 18, 1974, as

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in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to join with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in their efforts to focus public attention on educational services, proper treatment and research of this most dreaded disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 6th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE